

Order of Worship

May 3, 2026

Gathering Call

Preparing our hearts and minds for worship

Announcements

Hearing the news of the church

Song of Worship, Hymn #66, *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Receiving the ministry of music

Scripture Reading, Exodus 15: 22-24

Hearing the word of God

Song of Worship, Hymn #440, *Here I Am, Lord**

Responding to God in Praise

Offering

Giving to God as an act of trust and worship

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Doxology**

Blessing and Dismissal of Our Youth

One generation blessing the next

Congregational Prayer

Praying together in the Presence of the Holy Spirit

Our Father who is in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.

Sermon, "Complaining!" Thom Christian, Guest Preacher

Drawing closer to God through His word

Respond and Reflect

Making room for God to speak to our hearts

The Nicene Creed

Confessing the faith with the family of God

The Lord's Supper

Partaking in Christ's Salvation together

Leader: Christ has died.
People: Christ is risen.
Together: Christ will come again.

Song of Worship, Hymn #399, *Let Us Break Bread Together**
Responding to God in praise

Benediction*

Receiving a blessing as we leave to be a blessing to the world

*Thom Christian, Guest Preacher
Janet Grescek Prayer Leader
Jane Patch, Lay Reader*

Prayers

Prayers we have received

- Our Pastoral Search Committee
- Rhonda's sister's boyfriend, Greg, who had open-heart surgery May 1
- Rosie's dear friend Michael passed away on Sunday morning. Prayers for Rosie on the loss and the adjustments to his own life as a consequence. Also prayers for Joy to provide strength and support for him.
- Praise that Jane Patch's friend Carol has located dementia care for her husband.
- Prayers for an upcoming women's retreat at Camp Sentinel, which Janet and Joy will be attending.
- Julie Leonard's son, Elwood, who graduated from the police academy and begins training with the Gainesville police department in Florida. And Julie's daughter, Elizabeth, who graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in biology. She is applying to dental school and would love prayers for her acceptance.
- All those with longterm illnesses and those anticipating surgery
- Those struggling with work or relationships
- Our servicemen and women in harm's way
- The leaders of our country

Announcements and Coming Events

For more information, check out our events calendar at

www.etnahanovercenterchurch.org/events

Today's Message: We welcome Thom Christian as today's guest preacher. Following a career in the Air Force, Thom entered the pastorate and has served churches in New Hampshire, Iowa and Massachusetts. His desire is to serve God and to serve and care for His people. In short, he has a passion for God, and compassion and love for His people.

Mother's Day – Photo Request: We're planning something a little different for our Sunday morning worship service on Mother's Day, May 10th. While the Worship Team sings, we would like to run a slide show sharing some of your personal pictures of yourselves with your mothers, you or your children with grandmothers, etc. Anything mother/child oriented should work, and whatever pictures you would wish to provide will be great!

If you'd like to share a photograph with us, please email an image as a JPG, PNG, or PDF file to the church office at office@etnahanovercenterchurch.org. Please get your photos to us by Friday, May 8th. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to a special Mother's Day Sunday in Etna!

Serving Dinners at LISTEN: For decades our church has helped prepare and serve the community dinner at LISTEN. These dinners provide good, healthy food for free to anyone who walks in their door — often 75 folks a night. Our team serves on Mondays, every other month. All food is provided, and no prior experience is needed to help! It's an enjoyable way to both feed the hungry and spend time with each other.

Our next dinner is tomorrow, **Monday, May 4**, 2:15-5:30 p.m., with two shifts: food prep, and serving and cleanup. Questions? Want to come and observe, or join us? See Laurie Wadsworth or email her at lauriewads49@gmail.com.